



A PVMCD Approved Guide to: **MOSQUITO-FREE BIRD BATHS**



Why Bird Baths May Attract Mosquitos

Stagnant water in an artificial container can become a breeding ground for mosquitoes within the span of a week. Unmaintained bird baths that contain organic matter contain nutrients that mosquito larvae feed on, and adult mosquitoes look for when laying eggs.



The Importance of Reducing Artificial Habitat

An artificial container (i.e. bird bath, bucket, tire, kiddie pool, etc.) with stagnant water and organic matter provides an ideal habitat for *Culex pipiens* mosquitoes, the primary vector for West Nile Virus.

Detering Mosquitos From Your Bird Bath



- Ensure bird baths have moving water.
- Clean out organic matter frequently.
- If bird baths are not flowing, be sure to dump water out and clean twice weekly.

By following these tips, you can greatly decrease the appeal of your bird bath as a potential mosquito habitat.